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City OAP's victory in landmark drug case

A PENSIONER who said he almost died after taking part in a drugs trial has won his landmark legal battle against a pharmaceutical giant.

Les Thomas, a 75-year-old grandfather, was overcome by severe shaking, suffered a collapsed colon, septicaemia and an irregular heartbeat, after he started taking the painkiller rofecoxib five years ago.

He was also classed as anorexic when he lost two stone after suffering nearly two months of constant diarrhoea.

Mr Thomas says he has never

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fully recovered from the trial, which was carried out to determine if the already licensed drug would be effective in the treatment of prostate cancer.

On Monday, a judge at Cambridge County Court ruled that rofecoxib was probably a "significant cause" of Mr Thomas' illness, possibly on top of a bout of food poisoning.

The drug was marketed as Vioxx by Merck Sharp and Dohme Limited, and more than 80 million people were prescribed it around the world between 1999 and 2004, when it was withdrawn.

Last year, the company set up a \$4.5 billion fund to settle legal claims that the drug caused many

users to suffer strokes and heart failure.

But Monday's ruling was the first of its kind in the UK.

Mr Thomas was described as being "plainly very fit for his age" when he took part in the trial almost five years ago. Participants did not have to be cancer sufferers.

Mr Thomas, a father of four of Chelmer Way, Ely, who enjoyed fell walking and badminton, was invited to join the trial by his GP, Dr Katrina Young of St Mary's Surgery in Ely, and was not paid.

He was told serious side effects were "unlikely" but six months later, doctors at Addenbrooke's Hospital found the retired college lecturer was suffering from a catalogue of medical problems.

Mr Thomas said he had to go to

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■ SHAKING . . . grandfather Les Thomas feared for his life. Picture: Keith Heppell 524001.



■ LITERARY LION . . . Clive James signs copies of his latest book for fans in the Lady Chapel. Picture: Richard Patterson 523683.

Poetry on the menu for fans at literary lunch

A FAMOUS name from the worlds of literature and TV came to Ely to meet book-lovers.

Clive James was in Ely for a literary lunch when he gave a talk, read from his new book of poetry *Angels over Elsinore* and signed copies.

The event was organised by Ely book-sellers Topping and Company.

Robert Topping, owner of Topping and Company, said: "He gave a wonderfully humorous talk. We had about

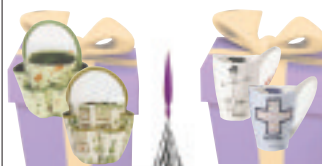
200 people in the Lady Chapel and a very big queue for the signing.

"It was tremendous fun for our last big event of the year before Christmas."

Topping and Company author events coming up next year include Ely-based thriller writer Jill Dawson, Norfolk's Kevin Crossley-Holland, and Jim Kelly, who lives in Ely and sets his detective novels in the city.

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■ **WE THREE KINGS** ... above, one of the controversial camels with the Wise Men.

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Screaming fans throng streets as stars switch on festive lights

THOUSANDS of screaming fans flocked to see singing stars Same Difference, movie star Warwick Davis and lovable *X Factor* reject Cyril Grant throw the switch for Ely's Christmas lights on Friday.

Organisers of the annual event, which is sponsored by the *Weekly News*, had promised that this year's was going to be the "biggest and best" yet, and that certainly seemed to be the case.

Excited children pushed their way through the crowds to get autographs from Same Difference, and adults of all ages screamed as Davis and Grant entered the city's Market Square.

Same Difference, siblings Sean and Sarah Smith, rose to fame during last year's *X Factor* competition, when they came third.

A massive hit with youngsters and teenagers, the pair

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released their debut single *We R One* on Monday.

Warwick, 38, is best-known for his role as Wicket the Ewok in *Return of the Jedi* and Professor Flitwick in the Harry Potter films. Octogenarian entertainer Cyril won a place in the nation's hearts when he sang his way through to the last 50 contestants of this year's *X Factor*.

Ian Newstead, chief organiser of the switch-on, said: "We went out of our way to try and make this year's event the most exciting and generally the biggest and best yet."

"Judging by the crowds, the screaming and the excitement on people's faces, I think that was certainly achieved."

"As ever, there is a lot of hard work involved both from our team and the Ely Lights Brigade, who spend all year organising the city's lights. "But when it comes to the

crunch, when the celebrities arrived and the lights were switched on, it is certainly all made worthwhile."

Concerns over the use of camels as part of a "live nativity" parade, which went up Fore Hill and the High Street, were still being voiced in the run-up to the event.

But the beasts, which walked alongside donkeys, sheep, Mary, Joseph and the three kings, seemed at ease with their city centre surroundings.

All the usual attractions proved to be a hit too, including fairground rides, Santa's grotto, open-top bus tours, a hog roast, late-night shopping and even artificial snow to add to the festive spirits.

Philip Eden, chairman of the City of Ely Perspective, said: "It was an amazing night with the best line-up I have seen in years."

"Thanks to such a dedicated team effort every year is growing from strength to strength - goodness knows what next year could bring."



■ **TWINKLE, TWINKLE** ... singing stars Same Difference.



■ **WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED** ... above, a farmer tends his sheep, and, below, a re-enactment of the Bible story.

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■ **SWEETLY SINGING** ... choristers delight the crowds with carols. Right, a donkey plays its part in the nativity play.



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Village character Ernie dies at 96

TRIBUTES have been paid to a pensioner who was helped by generous *Weekly News* readers when burglars stole his life savings.

Ernie Croxon, who lived in Haddenham, died at Addenbrooke's Hospital at the age of 96 following a short illness.

Weekly News readers rallied round in 2005 after a heartless burglar smashed his way into the deaf war veteran's home to steal his savings, raising £1,962. Mr Croxon had stashed

his savings in a pillow to pay for his funeral.

In 2006, burglars again raided his home.

Mr Croxon was believed to be the last of his family. His next of kin was his carer, Jean Burkitt.

Mrs Burkitt said: "He was an easy man to get along with – popular and quite a village character."

"The second break-in made him very cautious, but he overcame that. He rallied round and managed to live

fairly independently. I would like to thank all the readers for their support, which he really appreciated."

Mr Croxon worked as a farm labourer for most of his life and spent a harrowing three years working in the medical corps in Burma during the Second World War.

Mr Croxon's funeral will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Haddenham, tomorrow at 1pm.

Donations will go towards the funeral costs.



■ POPULAR... Ernie Croxon in 2005 after burglars stole his life savings.

OAP wins landmark drug case

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the toilet up to 10 times a day and could barely walk, and that he was "virtually an invalid" for nine months after his stay in hospital.

With his wife Norma at his side, he said: "When I was taken to hospital every part of my body was shaking. I thought 'This is it, I'm dead'."

The symptoms were diagnosed as being caused by ulcerative colitis.

The court heard Dr Young was very apologetic about what had happened.

After his verdict, Judge Patrick O'Brien refused an immediate request for an appeal by Merck.

A company spokeswoman said Merck was "disappointed" by the decision and intends to take the case to the Court of Appeal.

Meanwhile Mr Thomas, who took out £50,000 from his home insurance for the case, will pursue a claim for compensation.

He added: "I am very relieved. This should give hope that ordinary men can take on the drugs giants and win."

Minister insulted my integrity over travellers' plan, says MP

TWELVE new travellers' pitches are recommended for approval – after an MP was labelled "prejudiced" for opposing the plans.

Members of East Cambridgeshire District Council's planning committee were due to be given officer recommendation to approve sites in Wilburton and Isleham when they met yesterday.

The council has been told by the East of England Regional Assembly to provide 35 new authorised pitches by 2011 as the Government aims to tackle the tension caused by unauthorised sites.

The Wilburton scheme, for a greenfield site, caused controversy when Jim Paice, MP for Cambridgeshire South East, said in the

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House of Commons that the council was being "forced" to grant permission because of Government pressure on regional planning policy. He was accused of "prejudice against Gypsy and Traveller sites" by Government minister Sadiq Khan.

Parish councils and some residents in both Wilburton and Isleham oppose the plans.

Mr Paice told the *Weekly News*: "Whitcross Road (the Wilburton site) has already got more than enough traveller pitches. It is a very narrow road. I do not think it is in anyone's interests that we have a massive concentration of travellers

in one location.

"Travellers should be treated the same as anyone else, which means they should not be given planning consent in places where other people would not be given planning consent."

Mr Paice said he had asked a "reasonable question" in the Commons, but that "the minister saw fit to insult my integrity". He added: "It was outrageous and I have received a lot of supportive letters since."

The Wilburton site will offer 10 pitches for rent under warden supervision, while the Isleham site will offer two pitches for a family of travellers in the village.

A pitch is normally understood as a family-sized plot which can accommodate three or four caravans.

Cllr Ian Allen, deputy leader of the district council's Liberal Democrat group, said: "Travellers who can prove they have housing need should be treated exactly the same way as any other sector of the community."

Cllr Allen said that traveller pitches on greenfield sites are comparable to affordable housing built on such "rural exception sites". He added that while there may be legitimate planning reasons for turning down the pitches, straightforward objection to travellers "is not legitimate".

Residents' letters of objection on the Wilburton site claim it "could lead to anti-social behaviour and speeding vehicles" and "would result in a blight on property values".



Country fare shop celebrates

A SHOP which brings the taste of the country into the city celebrated its first birthday at the weekend.

Griffins Country Store, on Three Cups Walk in Ely, held a fun day to mark the milestone.

Roasted chestnuts, soup and mulled wine were served up on Saturday while free samples of cheeses and crisps were on offer.

Youngsters who turned up had the chance to have their face painted in the form of a fruit or vegetable.

Owner Elaine Griffin-Singh said it had been a great way to celebrate her first year in business.

She said: "We got very busy and were kept busy with requests for soup."

"The first year has been hard work and every business could do with support in the current climate, but it has been enjoyable."

■ BUSY... Elaine Griffin-Singh celebrates the first birthday of her Country Store.

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Poetry group back again to promote 'this beautiful art'

POETRY is too precious to be locked away in libraries – that's the view of a Cambridge professor who thinks the art form should be out and about and not fettered by licensing laws.

Its name comes from the Greek word "poiesis", meaning "making", but local licensing officers came under the spotlight last month, accused of showing a "lack of support" for that creative process.

Turning Point, a group of poetry-lovers and playwrights from Ely, were banned from performing in their local pub, the Royal Standard Inn, as the premises did not have a spoken word licence.

East Cambridgeshire District Council's licensing officers spotted publicity for the group's play recital in local newspapers and threatened the pub with a £5,000 fine if the performance

A LOCAL poetry group hit the headlines last month when members were banned from performing in their local pub. With arts chiefs and residents branding the decision as "petty", reporter **JORDAN DAY** investigates.

went ahead.

The group had been reading poetry at the pub for the last six months, attracting audiences on what is usually a quiet Tuesday evening. The decision caused uproar amongst group members and arts chiefs in the area, who branded the council's actions as "petty".

One person who felt passionately about the action was Professor John Kerrigan, from Cambridge University's Faculty of English.

Professor Kerrigan, whose areas of expertise include contemporary poetry, said: "Poetry is too life-enhancing to be locked up in libraries."

"The poetry scene is thriving and we have some of

the best poets in the world working around Cambridgeshire.

"Poetry is not the kind of art that wants a big subsidy from the tax payer – it is not like ballet or opera.

"That makes it more short-sighted to deny it the little it needs, when it can make such a difference not just to those who write, read and hear it but to the general health of the culture."

Caroline Cawley, marketing manager for Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire (ADeC), said there are many people out there who love and want poetry to be read in their area.

She said: "We are very supportive of Turning Point

and their future ventures.

"Hopefully they will be able to put the past behind them and get back to promoting the arts in our area.

"I personally love poetry and when it is live, as they read it, there is nothing more personal and touching.

"There is something very unique about it as a literary art and there are many people out there who love it and want it."

Turning Point seems to have now, literally, reached a turning point, after holding a play recital in The Lamb hotel, Ely, on Thursday night.

The group, determined to promote the arts around East Cambridgeshire, performed for the first time since the

licensing officers' decision and announced it is now looking for a permanent place to hold its regular play recitals and play readings.

Paola Trimarco, a playwright who formed the group two years ago, said: "We were shocked and gutted when we were booted out of the Royal Standard Inn."

"We had been living Ely up on a Tuesday evening for around six months and helping to promote the arts in the city.

"It was very frustrating for us and judging by the reaction from others, it was for many others, as the district council really did show a lack of support for this beautiful art."

"But our recent reading at

The Lamb went well and we are now looking to move forward. Hopefully early next year we will be able to read our poetry and hold play recitals on a regular basis somewhere."

Turning Point even has official backing after receiving a £1,800 National Lottery grant to provide free workshops and mentors for amateur actors and writers.

A spokesman for the Royal Standard Inn said: "I am pleased to hear Turning Point are not giving up and trying to find somewhere to meet regularly."

"The licensing officers' decision to stop them was petty and quite frankly, ridiculous."



■ MAKING A COMEBACK . . . from left, John Lyons, Tricia Peroni, Robin Moore and Paola Trimarco.

Picture: David Johnson 523367.

Christmas unwrapppped

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- Charities such as Oxfam now offer 'practical presents' where a donation on behalf of a loved one pays for livestock, items needed for healthcare, seeds or tools for people in developing countries

There are now a number of shops and organisations that sell a range of organic, eco-friendly or fair-trade products or items made from recycled materials. These include wind-up and solar powered torches, radios, cameras and lights, jewellery, bags and other fashion accessories made from recycled materials and a range of energy saving household devices.

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Kit theft puts bowling prize bid in doubt

THIEVES stole £2,000 of custom-made tenpin bowling kit just days before a top player was due to take part in the junior UK championships.

Daniel Wright, 19, of Meadow Court, Littleport, was left devastated by the theft which has seriously hampered his chances of picking up the coveted winning trophy.

His kit was stolen between midnight and 7.30am on Sunday from his Citroen Saxo.

Ranked at number 16 by the National Association of Youth Bowls Clubs, he is due to compete in the under-19s UK championships on Sunday.

He said: "I went to my car and found it wide open. They had tried to take my radio but only got the faceplate. They stole CDs and my jacket. But the worst of it was they took my bowls which are custom made and they are worth about £2,000.

"I am absolutely devastated. This has come at the worst time possible. I am in the top 16 in the country which is how I got into the finals. But not having the kit I have trained with and had specially

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made is a terrible blow to my chances.

"I have two old balls that I will have to use but I have to get them fitted again. It's going to be really tough. This is my big chance but it might be blown because of these thieves."

Prize money of £800 for the winning competitor is up for grabs at the championships - which are a springboard for a career in the sport.

Daniel's mother, Joanne, said: "He has been putting a brave face on it but he just couldn't believe what happened. I just hope he can still do well on Sunday."

Police have upped patrols since the spate of thefts.

A spokesman said: "We understand the distress this theft has caused the victim and are doing everything we can to catch those responsible."

"We are now targeting car crime in the East Cambridgeshire area and are increasing patrols. Officers have been keeping victims up to date on our investigations and an officer is due to make visits to victims."



■ DEVASTATED . . . Daniel Wright with some of his trophies. Thieves stole the 19-year-old's custom-made bowls at the weekend.

Picture: Duncan Lamont 524159.

Community hall hopes for £300k grant

A PROPOSED community hall with a stage area for film and theatre could be given a grant of more than £300,000 by councillors.

East Cambridgeshire District Council's community services committee will decide today whether to give a grant of up to £341,548 to Littleport Parish Council for a new "multi-purpose community facility" on land at The Paddocks, to the west of Littleport.

The grant would come from Section 106 cash contributed by developers.

A report from Darren Dixon, the district council's head of community services, notes that Littleport is expected to increase its population by 43 per cent with the completion of the Highfields development. He states there are needs for "increased capacity for social spaces in the community", for youth facilities and for "lifelong learning and higher aspirations".

The proposed facility would centre on a large hall capable of accommodating 200 people, with a stage area for theatre and film productions. Additional facilities would include a kitchen/lounge/bar area, a smaller hall for meeting space, a preschool area for up to 20 people and 63 car-parking spaces.

The total cost of the project is expected to be £1,045,000. An application to the Big Lottery Fund for £453,000 has been submitted. Littleport Parish Council is making a £5,000 commitment to the project. The project has also budgeted for a £135,000 contribution from Cambridgeshire County Council from Section 106 funds.

Festive treats at city folk club

ELY Folk Club will hold its December meeting at a different venue this month. The Christmas event will be at The Royal Standard, Fore Hill, on Wednesday, December 10, with guests Mary Humphreys and Anahata, and Sound Tradition.

Mary and Anahata specialise in traditional

English and Welsh songs and tunes.

Sound Tradition are a three piece, mostly a cappella folk group.

The show starts at 8.30pm. Tickets are £7 in advance, from the club's website www.elyfolkclub.co.uk or by phoning Ruth on (01353) 740999, and £8 on the door.

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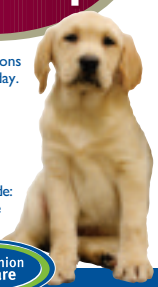
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DARLOW. Malcolm Frederick, formerly of Swavesey, Cherry Hinton, then Norfolk, died peacefully on Wednesday, November 26th, 2008, after long illness. Husband to Terry, dad to Mandy and Adrian, beloved son of Fred and Jean, big brother to Shirley, Trevor, Lynda, Lenny, Lorna and Eddy. Funeral, Thursday, December 11th, at 2.15pm, Earlham Crematorium, Norwich. Family flowers only, donations to Prostate Cancer Charity via H H Aldiss, 53 Baxter Road, Dereham. NR19 1AY. Peaceful at last Uncle Male, love, love, Emma, Henry, Luke and Holly.

EASEY. June Elizabeth, of Glenville Close, Teversham, passed away in Hinton Grange Nursing Home, on Monday, November 24th, 2008, aged 77 years. Loving wife of the late Fred, caring mother to Mick, Philip, Christopher, Alan and David. Funeral service will take place at Cambridge City Crematorium, in the West Chapel, on Thursday, November 4th, at 2.15pm. Donations, if desired, should be made payable to The British Heart Foundation and may be sent to Cambridge Funeral Services Ltd, 617 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8PA. Tel: 01223 415255.

SPRING. Fred, formerly of Caxton, passed peacefully to rest in Ipswich Hospital, on Monday, November 24th, 2008, in his 96th year. Much loved dad of Pat. Funeral service took place in St Andrew's Church, Caxton, on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 2.00pm. Donations in memory of Fred for The Colmans Alms Houses, may be made at the church or sent c/o Harry Williams & Sons, 83 Victoria Road, Cambridge. CB4 3BS.

SUMMERS. Des, formerly of Wulstan Way, died suddenly on Sunday, November 23rd, 2008, aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Daph, a dear dad and granddad, who will be sadly missed. Funeral service in the East Chapel, Cambridge City Crematorium, on Thursday, December 4th, at 12.15pm. Donations, if desired for The Parkinson's Disease Society, may be sent c/o Harry Williams & Sons, 83 Victoria Road, Cambridge. CB4 3BS.

GLASS. The family of the late David, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, and condolences received during their recent sudden loss. A special thanks to all who attended the funeral service at the crematorium, and to those who made donations to The British Heart Foundation and to Rev'd Michael Beckett for the comforting service he took. Please accept this as the only acknowledgement.

MILLER. Fred and the family of the late Doreen, wish to express their most sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind messages of sympathy received during their recent sad loss. Thank you to all those who attended the funeral service and for the donations received.

PERRY. The family of the late Grace, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness shown, support given and for the cards and messages of sympathy received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks are extended to all who attended the service, to Captain Louise Wood for her words of comfort and for the donations made in memory of our mother for CamSight. Please accept this as the only acknowledgement.

WAKE. Eve and the family of the late Leslie, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their support and kindness given and for the cards and messages of sympathy received during their recent loss. Special thanks are extended to all who attended the service, kindly accept this as the only acknowledgement.

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National Trust will work to regain support of council

Sir, I write in response to your article Disappointment at wetland U-turn published on November 27, 2008. The National Trust fully appreciates that for some people the removal of land from cultivation may be an emotive issue but one that needs to be placed in context. The total area of land under cultivation within the Wicken Fen Vision area is a tiny percentage of that under cultivation in the United Kingdom and a fragment of that lost annually to housing development and other infrastructure development. Land removed from production in the Vision area since 1999 equates to 0.01 per cent of the total area cropped in the United Kingdom, and after 100

years (assuming the Vision is enacted in full) would only equate to 0.16 per cent of that total. It should also be borne in mind that a significant area of agricultural land within the Vision area is not currently used for food production. The Trust is disappointed that East Cambridgeshire District Council decided to "reserve" their support for the Wicken Fen Vision at a recent council meeting and will work with the council to regain their unequivocal support for the Vision and build on what has been a very positive relationship over the last 10 years. Senior councillors and council officers will be visiting Wicken in the near future and we look forward to discussing their reservations and charting

a way forward. The Trust very much hopes that the council will be able to formally reaffirm their support for the Vision as soon as possible. I would like to reassure everyone that the Trust is committed to consultation and sees it as a vital and essential on-going process as the Vision develops. In the last 18 months we have conducted extensive consultation which included 20,000 questionnaires delivered to households in and around the Vision area, a series of public meetings and drop-in sessions, attending parish council meetings, local neighbourhood panels, talks to a range of local groups and societies and attending local events such as the Fenland Country Fair. The Trust

received 550 written responses to the Wicken Fen Vision – Your Chance to Shape the Future consultation conducted earlier this year, significantly more than most local authorities receive in consultation exercises, of which 83 per cent of respondents supported the Vision.

If anyone has concerns or questions about the Vision please contact us to discuss them. I and my team at Wicken Fen are always available to answer their questions.

**Chris Soans
property manager
National Trust, Wicken Fen
Lode Lane
Wicken**

Would one post office be able to cope?

Sir, As Christmas approaches, I wonder whether the post office in Ely High Street will be able to cope at this busy time. Next year they will be on their own. When the decision to close the sub-post office in St John's Road was taken, time was allowed for improvements in the main post office. If these improvements are approved, the closure will be implemented in January 2009. But who decides enough improvement has been made?

When I went into the High Street office a few days ago, minor changes had indeed been made, and it appeared a little more like a post office. However, the main problems are unchanged:

although there are (I think) five counter positions, they are usually not fully manned and it is difficult to see where/when to go forward, as there is no electronic warning system. Most banks and some post offices now call customers to the next vacant position in this way, and such an arrangement is very necessary here.

The other day, there were 40 people waiting to be served, so my informant did not stay. We will be watching carefully during the approach to Christmas, to monitor the situation at this busy time.

I have no criticism of the post office staff, who are always helpful and

courteous, but next year there will be no relief at St John's Road. Can that single cramped post office in the High Street realistically hope to provide for the city of Ely and the village communities beyond Little Downham?

Recently, the government awarded a substantial contract for benefit payments to the post office, and it was announced that 3,000 future closures would therefore be cancelled. If a reprieve for St John's Road is now possible, many people in and around Ely will be celebrating.

**Jeremy Friend-Smith
Liberal Democrat District Councillor
Ely South**

Wake up to modern world Council ignores public

Sir, Well, well. Two supermarkets with swords drawn at each other, like two school children: "You can't play in my back yard, I hate you!" Five minutes later they are holding hands.

What a carry-on. Look, you two supermarkets, there's plenty in Ely for both of you. If Tesco thinks of expanding for more customers, nearly the size of both of them together, there must be enough for both, and also, none of the people that travel to March, Chatteris,

Newmarket, or Bury St Edmunds, will go to them as we will have it all in Ely. Ely shops as a whole will feel the benefit, and as the recession begins to bite Ely should keep ticking over, with money being spent here and not outside Ely, in other cities' and towns' supermarkets. Perhaps one day Ely will wake up to the modern world.

**Eddie Holden
Ely Road
Little Downham**

Sir, I just want to say "well done" to Chris O'Neil for his letter last week regarding the supermarket situation (Forget the politics and bring what people want).

I agree wholeheartedly in what he said. The council have totally ignored the public's choice to have Lidl in Ely.

I for one won't be shopping in Aldi as a matter of principle, and have decided, when I can, to travel to March to use Lidl or even go to Sainsbury's in Mildenhall.

**C Garner
Littleport**

Leader criticises revival of Mereham spectre

A COUNCIL leader has spoken up about Mereham proposals being back in the limelight.

Cllr Jill Tuck, leader of Cambridgeshire County Council, questioned why the controversial development had been included by EERA on a list of potential development sites at a meeting of the executive committee of EERA.

She handed in an open letter addressed to Cllr Derrick Ashley,

chair of the regional planning panel for EERA, expressing the county council's concerns.

She said: "By publishing a site which has been so comprehensively rejected in the past, EERA has caused significant distress to local people.

"It will lead to yet further resources being devoted to complex planning and technical assessments.

"However, the county council has a statutory responsibility to advise

EERA on all long term options for future growth and if EERA does not change its mind, our studies will have to include Mereham."

Campaigners against the multi-thousand-home scheme have been fighting to get the plans off the EERA list since it was discovered three weeks ago.

A decision to keep it on the list of potential developments or to remove it has not yet been made.

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Law forced wife to die 'lonely death'

BY **Chris Havergal**
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THE husband of a novelist has told how he was forced to leave her to die a "horrible, lonely death" because of the "idiocy" of laws against assisted suicide.

Michael Grosvenor Myer went to Cambridge University Library last August while Valerie, his "adored" wife of 48 years, took an overdose of paracetamol at their home in West End, Haddenham.

Mrs Grosvenor Myer, who was 75, had attempted to take her life on three previous occasions after being struck down with Parkinson's disease.

If he had stayed with his wife, Mr Grosvenor Myer could have been prosecuted for aiding and abetting suicide, which can be punished by a 14-year jail term.

In a letter to a national newspaper, he said his wife had "degenerated as much as she was prepared to put up with".

He told *The Times*: "When the day came, I agreed to



■ **ADORED WIFE** . . . writer Valerie Grosvenor Myer in March 2005. Valerie took an overdose after succumbing to Parkinson's disease.

invent an unnecessary day's work at the university library so she could get on with it. I don't regret it: it was what she wanted.

"My regret is only that because of the idiocy of the present law, my only heart's

darling had to die a horrible, lonely death all alone here in the house instead of having me here to help and comfort her, which was what she wanted."

Mrs Grosvenor Myer was a graduate of Cambridge University and taught at a school in Cambridge. She published 15 books, including works on Jane Austen and Charlotte Brontë, and the campus novel *Culture Shock*.

An inquest last November recorded a verdict of suicide.

In his letter, Mr Grosvenor Myer said Parkinson's disease had robbed his wife of the power of articulate speech, and caused her to keep falling over and injuring herself.

He said that after he had called doctors after a previous suicide attempt left Mrs Grosvenor Myer in a coma, one consultant had threatened to section her.

Mr Grosvenor Myer said: "I told him outright that was the remark of a fool and a bully."

The foreknowledge that his wife was going to kill herself could leave Mr Grosvenor Myer open to a criminal inquiry but Cambridgeshire police said they were unaware of the case.

Contrasts at artists' show

TWO local artists are presenting an exhibition on the theme "contrasts" in Ely on Saturday.

The work of Jazz Bhopal and Jeanene Christi Flack will be on show at Sue Ryder Care, The Old Palace, from 6-9pm.

Bhopal has been exhibiting around London for the past five years and has been experimenting through abstract and figurative works, where Flack will bring her collection of acrylics to the city, focusing on gothic romanticism.

There will also be music and wine on the evening, with 20 per cent of all sales being donated to the charity.

Entrance is free.

Word power wins prize

THE lucky winner of the *Weekly News* recent wordsearch competition has found herself in front of the camera.

Sarah Gill, 40, of Kings Parade, Soham, has won a family portrait shoot worth £135.

The prize is courtesy of Ely Photo Factory, on Chettisham Business Park, which will frame the portrait just in time for Christmas.

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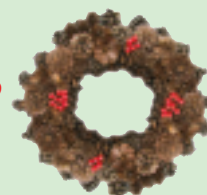
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Care agency missed visits to woman, 90

AN ANGRY son is demanding answers after carer workers failed to visit his frail 90-year-old mother twice in a row.

Marjorie Kerridge, of Vineyard Way, Ely, was left "stressed and worried" when her carer workers did not turn up on Friday, November 21, and Saturday, November 22.

The pensioner, who has recently had a back operation as she is unable to walk properly, is visited morning and night by carers from Littleport-based company Midas Care to help her shower and put her clothes on.

But no-one visited her home between Friday morning and Saturday evening, and no notice was given to her family.

Mrs Kerridge's son,

BY Jordan Day
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David, 59, said: "This is a shocking situation, which left my mother stressed, worried and with a sleepless night."

"It is not the carer workers themselves, as they are fantastic - I feel the problem lies with the managers who look after them and the lack of communication there."

"Luckily I am my mother's 24-hour carer which meant I was there to help her."

"But this could have been a pensioner who had no family and what on earth would have happened?"

"I want to know why I was not told nobody would be visiting and I need to know that this will not happen again."

"My mother, like thousands of the elderly out there, is a

vulnerable woman and when her carers do not turn up, it plays terribly on her mind."

Midas care, which is contracted through Cambridgeshire County Council, has confirmed that an investigation is now under way.

Jan Davison, company manager, said: "We are aware of this incident and it is something we will be taking very seriously."

"An investigation is currently taking place and once it has been completed we will be in touch with the family and apologising to them."

A county council spokesman said: "We are aware of the situation and that the care agency is carrying out an inquiry."

"Action will be taken as soon as the inquiry is complete."

MEMORY LANE



Where and when?

■ THIS week's photograph, from our archives, shows singers taking part in a special event.

Do you know where and when the photograph was taken? What was the occasion and do you recognise anyone?

Send your answers to: Memory Lane, Ely Weekly News, 27 Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP by Tuesday morning.

Picture: 522812.

■ LAST week's photograph, from our archives, showed singer Vince Hill opening a shop in Ely. It was taken in 1969. Stuart Baumber, of Beresford Road, Ely, wrote with more information. "The picture was taken at the opening of the Green Shield shop in Ely. The lady in the front of the picture with the hat on is my grandmother, Edna Baumber, from Littleport. "She would be 103 years old if she were here today and would be over the moon to see her picture in the paper."

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Council scheme to bring empty homes into use

HUNDREDS of empty homes across East Cambridgeshire could be brought back into use.

The district council has launched a new scheme to get local residents carrying out renovations on derelict homes, as well as helping people get on to the housing ladder.

The Discretionary Empty Homes Grant will see people receiving up to £10,000 if their homes have been declared empty with the Council Tax

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office for longer than six months.

Currently, priority is only given to properties that have been empty for more than two years.

Cllr Peter Moakes, chairman of the Strategic Development Committee, said: "For existing empty homeowners, this scheme offers an injection of money to help make their properties marketable."

"By putting a tenant in the property it removes the financial burden of Council Tax and the worry associated with keeping an empty property safe from vandalism etc that could lead to a loss of value."

"If you are a prospective buyer it means you might be able to extend your budget further and in doing so, get on the first rung of the property ladder."

"We are interested in hearing from anyone who qualifies for the scheme."

Amy Pettit, who is the first

successful applicant for the grant, said: "Without the grant I would not have been able to afford my new home."

"The £10,000 goes a long way and after getting stuck in and doing some work with the money, I will soon have a fantastic home to call my own."

Those who own or purchase an empty home could be eligible for the grant.

For more information call the empty homes officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council on (01353) 665555.

MP applauds bid to improve fitness

AN MP has supported the fitness industry's campaign to involve people in exercise.

Andrew Lansley, pictured, MP for Cambridgeshire South and shadow health secretary, spoke at the Fitness Industry

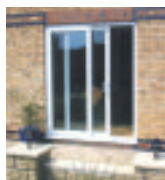


Association's summit, "Delivering a Healthier Britain". Mr Lansley applauded the industry's commitment to improving the health of the nation.

Scarrow – Wilkins

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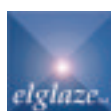
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You're a dead woman, man told his wife

AN estranged husband told his wife she was a "dead woman" after she went to court to stop him harassing her.

Kevin and Carol Martin had been together for 18 years, and married for three, but split up around 16 months ago.

The deterioration of the relationship forced Mrs Martin, who lives in Ely, to go to Cambridge County Court in

October for a non-molestation order against her husband, banning him from intimidating or pestering her.

But when Martin, 43, found out about the order, on October 20, he rang up his wife in a rage without reading the full terms of what it prevented him doing.

He told her: "You are a dead woman, Carol. I'm going to make the necessary calls if you pull a stunt like this."

Martin, a self-employed bricklayer, admitted the breach

before magistrates in Ely last week.

John Aspinall, mitigating, said his client had been annoyed when he found out about the order.

He added: "Mr Martin is very sorry. What he said to his wife on that day was completely unacceptable and completely out of character."

Magistrates levied a fine of £400 on Martin, of Hornchurch, Essex, and ordered him to pay £60 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Worthy projects pick up grant cash

DESERVING projects from across the region have been awarded more than £13,000 of grant funding.

The cash includes £2,000 for the Ely Youth Initiative and £1,000 for Ely Tennis Club.

The Soham

Playgroup received just over £1,000, with Bizzykids and Fenzone both collecting £1,900.

Mepal and Witcham Stay 'n' Play have also been given £1,420.

The £13,000 awarded is part of more than

£50,000 given to voluntary and community projects across Cambridgeshire by the county council's office of children and young people.

Cabinet member for children Cllr Martin Curtis said: "These

are worthy and deserving projects, all of which directly or indirectly benefit children and young people across Cambridgeshire.

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	£5,000+	1.40	1.40	1.12	0.35	0.35	0.28
	£10,000+	1.61	1.60	1.28	0.50	0.50	0.40
	£25,000+	2.01	2.00	1.60	0.75	0.75	0.60
Hallmark	£50,000+	2.26	2.25	1.80	1.00	1.00	0.80
	£1,000+	3.12	3.10	2.48	1.51	1.50	1.20
	£10,000+	3.23	3.20	2.56	1.71	1.70	1.36
	£25,000+	3.33	3.30	2.64	1.81	1.80	1.44
	£50,000+	3.53	3.50	2.80	1.91	1.90	1.52
Hallmark (monthly interest)	£100,000+	3.79	3.75	3.00	2.16	2.15	1.72
	£2,500+	3.04	3.00	2.40	1.46	1.45	1.16
	£10,000+	3.14	3.10	2.48	1.61	1.60	1.28
	£25,000+	3.25	3.20	2.56	1.71	1.70	1.36
	£50,000+	3.45	3.40	2.72	1.81	1.80	1.44
90 Day Notice	£100,000+	3.71	3.65	2.92	2.07	2.05	1.64
	£10,000+	4.20	4.20	3.36	3.00	3.00	2.40
	£25,000+	4.30	4.30	3.44	3.10	3.10	2.48
	£50,000+	4.50	4.50	3.60	3.25	3.25	2.60
	£100,000+	4.55	4.55	3.64	3.30	3.30	2.64
90 Day Notice (monthly interest)	£10,000+	4.18	4.10	3.28	2.99	2.95	2.36
	£25,000+	4.28	4.20	3.36	3.09	3.05	2.44
	£50,000+	4.49	4.40	3.52	3.20	3.15	2.52
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	£25,000+	5.70	5.70	(tax-free)	4.25	4.25	(tax-free)
	£1+	4.80	4.80	3.84	3.40	3.40	2.72
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	£1+	1.75	1.75	1.40	0.50	0.50	0.40
Community	£500+	1.80	1.80	1.44	0.50	0.50	0.40
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'Tired' ambulance crews facing more funding cuts

BY John Morgan

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AMBULANCE crews are run ragged and staff worn out according to union bosses, yet more cash cuts will have to be made to the county's life-saving service.

The region's ambulance trust is warning that the need to cut costs will affect performance and this, critics fear, will put patients at risk.

The East of England Ambulance Service (EEAS) is meeting tough Government-set Call Connect targets, which require it to reach 75 per cent of life-threatening incidents within eight minutes of a 999 call being connected.

But the trust ran into financial problems hiring extra staff to meet the targets and must now make cost savings to break even – despite a cash boost of £3.3 million from the region's primary care trusts.

Chris Preston, EEAS's finance director, said at a board meeting last week that there are "risks associated with delivering the cost savings needed to balance the financial position" and that "operational performance may be impacted by the reduction in costs".



■ **CUTBACKS** ... future funding cuts to the ambulance service could put lives at risk, the East of England Ambulance Trust warns.

NHS trusts have a statutory duty to break even.

John Toomey, UNISON's regional organiser, said that staff are already stretched to the limit by Government targets. He said budget cuts would "have an impact on patient care" and "ability to respond as required".

Mr Toomey added: "We've got

ambulance crews who are run ragged. Staff are worn down. They are having to go to rapid deployment positions all the time. Everybody wants to get to calls on time, but you can only run people so hard for so long.

"The criminals in all of this are the politicians setting targets without understanding the impact

of that and without understanding the need to provide funding."

An EEAS spokesman said the trust has met the targets for each month since August, but there were an extra 3,140 emergency responses this October compared with the previous October.

He added: "This places a huge demand on our resources and, if replicated over the whole winter and combined with poor weather and driving conditions, would put our achievement of the target at risk. We are, however, committed to achieving financial balance and meeting our response performance targets between now and the end of the financial year in March."

The spokesman said crews are "pulling out all the stops" to meet the targets and "deserve the complete respect and cooperation of the public".

Cllr Geoff Heathcock, Liberal Democrat spokesman for health on Cambridgeshire County Council, said: "We are talking about people's lives being put on the line, particularly in a predominantly rural county with a road network that is grim in many places.

"With new targets should come proper funding, but the ambulance service has never been a part of the NHS that has received the level of support it should have from the Government."

'Beware of lottery con'

POLICE are warning people to be aware of bogus Spanish lottery scams that claim the recipient has won a substantial amount of money.

Since the beginning of the year police in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk have had about 100 reports from residents who have received letters stating they have won a portion of an international lottery they have not entered. The letters include a processing form that requests personal details including bank account number, sort code and the address. These details could then be used to gain access to people's accounts.

As well as the form, recipients are given a phone number to call. Anyone who does so will be asked to send money in order to release his or her winnings. It is likely this will be thousands of pounds.

The conmen behind the scam contact possible victims by post, phone and email, and often target the elderly and vulnerable.

Detective Inspector Caroline Millar, of the Force Intelligence Bureau, said: "We urge people to be on their guard for letters and scams such as these.

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Glassware has been expanded this year to include some seasonally coloured wine glasses and flutes in gold and red priced £6.99 for four glasses. Cutlacks also has quality crystal glasses and decanters from Bohemia Crystal in traditional and modern designs. Decanters start at £29.99

and the store is promoting a 24 per cent lead crystal range of four glasses or flutes for £9.99.

Electrical goods are also at keen prices with Prestiges Deco Coloured domed kettle and matching toaster both showing savings and they can be bought together for £75 a saving of £15

on recommended prices. There is also a half price offer on a Kenwood food processor now only £49.99. This is only a sample of the exciting ranges in store where branded kettles start from as low as £17.99.

Paul Chambers says: "This year we have expanded our range of products throughout the store. We have introduced AGA cookware and accessories which has been well received and continued to expand the ranges of design led items from the award winning suppliers like Joseph Joseph. This Christmas we have introduced Fine China gifts from the English company Churchill, and have their 'Whatever It Takes' celebrity charity range of mugs, plates and mousemats.

"During March this year we swapped our linen and bedding department with the DIY department to give more room for the exciting ranges from Ashley Wilde's Linda Baker and Twigg ranges, we have now introduced the Finesse range of fabrics that includes an express curtain making services that allow the customer to have their curtains made to measure.

"We also saw the introduction of the Farrow and Ball range of paints and wallpaper a real coup



■ STOCK... has expanded during the year.

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The store still has an extensive range of DIY products and tools with some great seasonal savings now on the first floor, with batteries, drills torches, and hand tools all at special prices.

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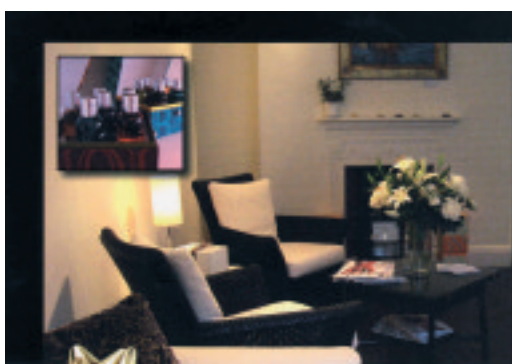
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Police use heads to spot evidence

POLICE have started using special cameras attached to their heads to gather evidence.

The headcam is being trialled in Cambridgeshire Constabulary's central division, which covers Fenland, Huntingdon, St Neots, St Ives and Ramsey, after a successful test in Peterborough.

Insp Mark Newman, from the force, said: "The introduction of these headcams means we can obtain evidence at the scene of incidents and crimes.

"These recordings will provide additional evidence in court and hopefully improve the quality of prosecution cases. This will be particularly useful in domestic violence cases and alcohol-related crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour."

Four trained officers on reactive shifts will wear the cameras – which

BY Suzan Uzel

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enable them to film evidence as it happens rather than having to write notes – during the trial.

Police in Peterborough have been using the cameras for nearly a year and the initiative is now being extended across the central division.

Other forces have been using the cameras and the footage has led to an increase in the number of people being charged and successfully prosecuted.

Police say the cameras will enable officers to get extra, good quality evidence in a variety of situations, including crime scenes, public order and domestic violence incidents.

They say the cameras were particularly useful in domestic violence cases where victims may be reluctant to give evidence.

In court

A POLISH woman who drove in Ely's Market Square without any insurance has had six penalty points put on her licence.

Magdalena Masiulaniec, of West End, Ely, was caught in her grey Rover 25 vehicle on November 9, and pleaded guilty at Ely Magistrates' Court on Thursday.

She said: "I told the police it was my stupidity and I know it was such a silly thing to do."

Masiulaniec had six points put on her licence and was ordered to pay a £170 fine, as well as £95 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Market celebrates 'green' honour

TRADERS on Ely's markets are some of the most environmentally friendly in the UK, according to a national body.

The city's stallholders claimed the runner-up position in the southern region section of the National Market Traders Federation's

"How green is your market?" contest, being narrowly pipped to the top spot by Bristol.

Ely was praised for recycling 70 per cent of its waste and for having a large mixture of stalls, including organic goods and traders promoting traditional crafts.

Phil Burbidge, market supervisor for East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "To be recognised as one of the greenest markets in the country is a great achievement.

"It shows the huge commitment we have made as a council to run a great market that

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There will be a special Christmas market on Tuesday, December 23, combining the farmers' and general market with festive entertainment, from 8am to 3pm.

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Celebrations at cathedral

FESTIVE spirits will be running high at Ely Cathedral over the coming week.

On Sunday, Steam Dreams will be holding their Christmas concert at 2pm, followed by an Advent Taizé service at 6.30pm.

On Tuesday, there will be an Advent candlelit service at 9pm, with a pre-school Christmas service on Wednesday at 1pm.

For more information and a full listing of upcoming Christmas events at the cathedral, visit www.elycathedral.org

Festive tunes

ELY Choral Society will welcome the Christmas season on Saturday.

Wassail will see guest soloists, choirs, carol singers and readings gracing St Mary's Church at 7.30pm.

Tickets, which can be bought from Burrows Bookshop or on the door, are £8 each, £2 for under-18s and under-12s go free. Refreshments are included and all are welcome.

Disco fever

GOLD Radio's Pete Revell will be at the Braza Club, in March, for the annual Christmas Disco Inferno tomorrow.

All the classics from the 70s, 80s and 90s will be pumped from the stage.

The festive frolics kick off at 8pm.

For tickets, and more information, call 07950 468011

Irishman slips in with a barrel of laughs

AN AWARD-WINNING comedian, writer and actor will be bringing barrels of laughter to Ely. The city's regular comedy night, The Slippery Eel, is celebrating the festive season in style by welcoming Owen O'Neill on Friday, December 12. O'Neill made his TV debut on *Saturday Live*

in 1985 and has been performing stand-up comedy ever since, including his own TV special for the BBC. He has performed all over the world and established himself as a writer and poet. He is also an annual visitor to the Edinburgh Festival where his one-man theatre shows have won

awards, including a Perrier nomination in 1998 and the Edinburgh Critics award for best comedy in 1999. Caroline Cawley, manager at ADeC, which has organised the night in conjunction with Mirth Control, said: "The Irishman has been described by critics as 'compelling, with a mix

of Irish angst, humour and poetry' so he is definitely something to look forward to." O'Neill will be at the Ely Beet and Social Club, on Lynn Road, at 8pm. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are available on (01353) 616991, www.adec.org.uk, or call in to ADeC at the Babylon, on Ely's Waterside.

Christmas? Oh yes it is and panto's here!

By Nik Shelton

ONE of the major highlights of the festive theatre calendar gets under way this week when Cambridge Arts Theatre's annual pantomime takes to the stage.

Recognised as one of the best traditional pantos in the region, the show has been staged almost every year since the theatre opened in 1936.

For several years it has been produced by the director and choreographer team of Brad Fitt and Scott Ritchie, who last year stepped onto the stage themselves to play the Ugly Sisters in *Cinderella*.

This year's show, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, reunites the team who have made the panto a success in recent years, including former Hollyoaks star Julie Buckfield as Jack and kids favourite Matt Crosby as his comic sidekick brother, Silly Billy.

Brad Fitt will be donning wig and greasepaint once more to play Dame Trott.



■ **PANTO TIME** ... Julie Buckfield returns to the Arts Centre to play the lead in Jack and the Beanstalk. Joining her will be director Brad Fitt, left, as Dame Trott, and Matt Crosby as Silly Billy.

"Me and Brad have done eight years here together and five of those years have been with Julie," says Scott.

"But we never like to feel like, 'Oh it's panto and we know exactly what we're doing so we can just rock up and do it'. We still take it very seriously and it's hard work. We've also brought

in new blood as well, we've got new dancers and new principles and it keeps us on our toes.

"This is our in-house production and we're really lucky to have that here because a lot of theatres have pantos that are brought in and they aren't even rehearsed in the theatre. So people here are quite protective of it and very proud of it. It's very much a family feel and there aren't very many of those that exist any more in the country."

The full cast of eight principles, six chorus members and two teams of 10 panto babes will perform 82 shows over six weeks for an estimated combined audience of 35,000 people.

"For me Christmas isn't Christmas without going to see a panto," says Julie.

"Christmas starts for me when I get my script. I got it about a month ago and I was so excited because I knew Christmas was coming."

This year's show starts tomorrow and runs until January 18. Tickets are £10-£27.50. To book call (01223) 503333 or visit the website at www.cambridgeartstheatre.com

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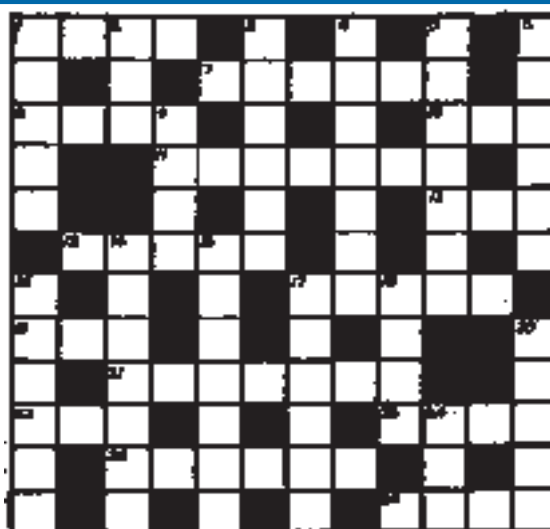
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Across

1. Wine's put right into container. (4)
7. Look hard around way to irritate. (6)
8. Temporarily given permit, about noon. (4)
10. 12 once upset in the past. (3)
11. Venturing to do winter sport in a circle. (7)
12. Endlessly spur to visit part of India. (3)
13. Six classically inscribed for each snake. (5)
17. Girl to be married first to beg to go by horse. (5)
19. Brit in Oz returns cleaner. (3)
21. Artist puts one in fruit to send out rays of light. (7)
22. Draw menswear. (3)
23. Little drink prepared for doctor before lunch. (4)
25. Sofa placed next to driving aid. (6)
26. Soldier and Bond Doctor found in gambling town. (4)

Down

1. With less colour friend approaches queen. (5)
2. Score in sequence. (3)
3. Red pencil user with reported scent sprayer. (6)
4. One won't work as goal achiever? (7)
5. Boasted that bachelor was dressed in torn clothes. (7)
6. Jar not broken belonging to ancient Greek. (6)
9. Hint given about river outing. (4)
14. Journalist's declaration might make an effect. (7)
15. Scholarly Easterner was ill-mannered about it. (7)
16. Hits small insects on board ship. (6)
17. The jacket to set hearts on fire? (6)
18. Frozen in charge of small boy. (4)
20. Arrived to show love with a brooch. (5)
24. Cereal grows crooked, as they say. (3)



■ **Solution to 2091 - Across:** 1 Malice, 4 Offal, 8 Gladioli, 10 Noh, 11 Minister, 13 Thai, 15 Awed, 16 Charging, 19 Van, 20 Twopence, 22 Spoke, 23 Editor. **Down:** 1 Means, 2 Light heart, 3 Charming, 5 Fal, 6 Livery, 7 Mien, 9 In the event, 12 Imagined, 14 Scraps, 17 Imps, 18 Anger, 21 Wok.

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Money may be a little bit thin on the ground right now. Don't count on a cheque or loan to get you through the week. The more frugal you are, the easier it will be to make ends meet. Put off any expensive purchases until after Christmas.

The demands of work and family stop us doing as you please. This is really frustrating because you never interfere and try to stop people doing what they want. You think putting on airs to impress people is distasteful.

You long for peace and quiet but you may not get much of it this week. Neighbours and relatives have an annoying way of calling at the most awkward times. If you want to avoid trouble, return phone calls and emails as soon as possible.

There will be precious little opportunity to spend time at home. You are needed at work where you must try not to be too hard on a newcomer who doesn't know the ropes. Resist the urge to laugh at their mistakes.

Getting a direct answer out of an official will be a challenge because they'll want to dodge the issue. If you do exactly what they say and fail, you'll look incompetent instead of them. Avoid trouble by asking for all directives to be put in writing.

Don't compare your lot with that of wealthier people. You are in very different situations. If you want to change your fortunes, focus on looking for more lucrative work. This may involve developing your creative talent or getting new qualifications.

Someone people seem determined to find fault with everything you do. Don't bother trying to get back into their good books. Their problem has nothing to do with you. You're better off filling your leisure time with things you like to do.

Someone will be weighing you down with nagging criticism and although you're eager to improve, you can't learn under these circumstances. Find a more tolerant guide or mentor. A tedious job could finally come to an end much to your relief.

Making friends with a newcomer could be difficult. They will probably want to keep themselves to themselves for the time being. The best way to break through is to ask for help with a project. Working with each other will prove stimulating.

You may have to move because your home is undermining a close relationship. Find somewhere that is acceptable to you both. A promotion may be elusive. It seems as though there are more capable candidates in line for this position.

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Just some of the estate agents whose properties are featured inside



PROPERTY

Home on the barley fields

ON the market for £299,995 is this brand-new detached home.

The property is positioned on edge of Soham in Barley Fields.

It contains five bedrooms, two with an en suite, a family bathroom, shower room, sitting room, dining room, family room and kitchen/breakfast room with utility room.

A double garage provides ample parking, and there are attractive gardens to the rear.

This property is also available for part exchange.

For further details or to view this modern home, call Abbotts Countrywide on (01353) 666502.



Modern end-terrace home



SITUATED in Morton Close, Ely, is this well-presented modern end-terrace property.

It occupies a popular residential location and is on the market for £134,950 with no upward chain.

Accommodation includes an entrance hall, kitchen, living/dining room, two double bedrooms and bathroom together with attractive rear garden, driveway and garage.

The property has the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating and is an ideal first time purchase.

For further details or to arrange a viewing, call Cheffins on (01353) 654900.



Views across the farmland

SITUATED on the edge of town, this first-floor maisonette has views across open farmland.

The property, in Kingfisher Drive, Soham, contains two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and bathroom.

The rooms are presented to a good standard. There is also a garage outside. This maisonette is on the market for



£149,950. For more information or to arrange a viewing, contact Abbotts Countrywide on (01353) 666502.

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£775,000**HADDENHAM**

A deceptively spacious detached family residence situated on the outskirts of the highly regarded village of Haddenham with superb views over open fields.

Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, study, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and separate shower room, 4 further bedrooms, family bathroom, first floor bathroom, OCH, D/G, gardens, parking, double garage.

£375,000**NEW****PYMOOR**

An impressive period farmhouse believed to date back to the 1750s and set in 1/3 of an acre gardens with outbuildings.

Study, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, landing, master bedroom, en suite, 3 further bedrooms, family bathroom, D/G, OCH, garage, driveway, no upward chain.

£350,000**ELY**

A tastefully presented 4 bedroom detached property with garage and ample parking situated within one of Ely's most sought after developments.

Cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, bathroom, GCH, D/G, enclosed rear garden with summer house.

£320,000**HADDENHAM**

A highly desirable period cottage situated in the heart of the much sought after village of Haddenham.

Reception hall, cloak/shower room, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, luxury bathroom, OCH, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking, walking distance of the village amenities.

£275,000**STRETHAM**

An immaculate 4 bedroom detached property situated in a quiet cul-de-sac within the highly regarded village of Stretham.

Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen/dining room, family bathroom, ground floor underfloor electric heating, air conditioning, D/G, double garage, gardens.

£265,000**WARDY HILL**

A charming 3 bedroom detached family residence.

Lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, 2 further bedrooms, family bathroom, oil heating system, D/G, underfloor heating to ground floor, rear garden, double cart lodge.

£250,000**ELY**

A well presented 4 bedroom detached family home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac within easy walking distance of nearby Primary and Secondary Schools and College.

Lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, landing, master bedroom, en suite shower room, 3 further bedrooms, family bathroom, D/G, GCH, enclosed garden, garage and parking, no upward chain.

Guide Price £225,000**NEW****STRETHAM**

A bright and spacious well presented 3 bedroom detached bungalow situated within the highly regarded village of Stretham.

3 bedrooms, refitted family bathroom and WC, good sized lounge/dining room with doors to garden, refitted kitchen/breakfast room, excellent decorative order, Southerly facing lawned rear garden, garage and parking, no upward chain.

£225,000**NEW PRICE****MEPAL**

A very well presented 3 bedroom detached bungalow offering bright and spacious accommodation overlooking green area within the village of Mepal.

Entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, rear lobby, conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, gas heating system, double glazing, landscaped rear garden, off road parking, garage, no upward chain.

£219,995**ELY**

A well presented 3/4 bedroom end terrace town house with accommodation over 3 floors offering easy access to A10 links to Cambridge.

Fitted kitchen, dining area, lounge with French doors opening to Juliette balcony, 3/4 bedrooms, en-suite, bathroom, gas heating system, D/G, garage, garden.

£210,000**STRETHAM**

A 3 bedroom semi detached Victorian Cottage with attractive rear garden and planning permission to extend situated centrally to the highly regarded village of Stretham.

Reception dining room, fitted kitchen, lounge, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, oil fired heating system, good decorative order, enclosed rear garden.

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A three double bedroom townhouse with versatile living accommodation within the catchment area of The Lanterns School.

Cloakroom, dining room, kitchen breakfast, utility room, lounge, en-suite shower room, GCH, D/G, rear garden, garage en-bloc and parking, catchment area for The Lanterns School.

£189,950**WITCHFORD**

A 3 bedroom detached family home with integral garage and enclosed garden situated within the much sought after village of Witchford.

Cloakroom, lounge area, dining area, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, bathroom, gas warm air heating system, double glazing, integral garage, off road parking, enclosed rear garden, no upward chain.

£175,000**NEW****SUTTON**

A well presented modern two bedroom detached bungalow situated on a small development of bungalows within the well served village of Sutton.

ramped entrance, entrance hall, lounge, bedroom 1, bedroom 2, shower room, kitchen/dining room, underfloor heating throughout, gas combi boiler, D/G, enclosed rear garden, 2 parking spaces, very well presented.

£169,995**WITCHFORD**

A modern 3 bedroom semi detached property with conservatory and garage in very good decorative order situated within the highly regarded village of Witchford.

entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, landing, bathroom, gas heating system, D/G, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking, very well presented.

£164,995**LITTLEPORT**

A well presented 3 bedroom semi detached property with enclosed rear garden, garage and parking situated within the well served village of Littleport.

Entrance hall, cloakroom, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, gas heating system, D/G, beautiful enclosed rear garden, garage and parking.

£149,950**ELY**

A modern 2 bedroom residence well presented throughout to offer bright and spacious accommodation and located in a quiet cul-de-sac.

Entrance hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing, electric storage heating, attractive front and rear gardens, allocated parking, good decorative order.

£139,995**ELY**

An attractive 2 bedroom mid terrace property with garage and garden situated within walking distance of the City Centre.

entrance hall, fitted kitchen, lounge/dining room, bedroom 1 with built in wardrobes, further bedroom, bathroom, electric storage heating, double glazed windows, good decorative order, enclosed rear garden, garage and parking.

£139,995**WITCHFORD**

A 2 bedroom mid terrace Victorian home benefiting from an open fireplace, situated within the highly regarded village of Witchford.

Lounge, kitchen, dining room, downstairs bathroom, decked rear garden with brick built shed, gas central heating, double glazed windows.

£139,950**LITTLEPORT**

An older style 3 bedroom semi detached property situated within the well served village of Littleport.

Entrance hall, front entrance lobby, lounge, kitchen/dining room, rear lobby, cloakroom, separate W/C, bathroom, electric storage heating, D/G, gardens, driveway and garage.

£129,950**ISLEHAM**

A potential development (subject to planning permission)/renovation opportunity. An existing period detached dwelling seated on a generous plot with rear views over open farmland.

The plot is currently divided into two. The property and outbuildings to the left and lawn to the right. The property comprises 2 reception rooms, kitchen, reception hall, 2 double bedrooms, first floor bathroom.

£125,000**ELY**

An opportunity to acquire an immaculate 2 bedroom ground floor apartment situated approximately 1 mile from the City Centre.

Communal reception hall, entrance hall, fitted kitchen, lounge with electric fire and ornamental surround, bathroom, double glazed windows, electric storage heating, excellent decorative order, allocated parking.

£124,950**SOHAM**

A chance to acquire a semi detached cottage in need of renovation, situated in the Fenland town of Soham.

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WISSEY WAY, ELY

Modern three bedroom house located near the A10 with easy access to BR Station. Neutrally decorated throughout with all white goods in the kitchen. Enclosed rear garden, parking and garage. Gas central heating. Pets considered. Unfurnished.

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TRINITY HALL, ELY

The recently renovated Trinity Hall is located in the City Centre. The apartment is beautifully presented and fully furnished offering quality accommodation. Fully Furnished.

£625 PCM



LITTLEPORT

Excellent presented three bedroom house, located in Littleport giving easy access to the A10 and BR Station. Gas central heating. Neutrally decorated throughout. Unfurnished.

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BARTON ROAD, ELY

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GATEWAY GARDENS, ELY

Brand new four bedroom house located on Gateway Gardens development. Gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and garage. Location giving easy access to the A10 and BR station. Part furnished.

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Beautifully presented four bedroom detached house. Spacious throughout with downstairs study and enclosed rear garden, garage and carport. Gas central heating. Part furnished.

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LITTLE DOWNHAM

A spacious four bedroom family home located in a quiet cul-de-sac within the village of Little Downham. Rear enclosed garden, garage & driveway. Oil c/htg. Unfurnished.

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NEWNHAM STREET, ELY

Fully refurbished two bedroom cottage located in the City Centre. Neutrally decorated throughout with gas central heating and enclosed landscaped garden.

£560 PCM



LITTLEPORT

Two bedroom end of terrace located within a quiet cul-de-sac in the village of Littleport. Enclosed rear garden, gas central heating, garage and parking. Unfurnished.

£540 PCM



BERESFORD ROAD, ELY

Four bedroom detached property located on Beresford Road. The accommodation is over two floors and is neutrally decorated throughout. Gas central heating. Part furnished.

£1,200 PCM



Used MPVs well worth a look

BUYER advice website UsedCarExpert.co.uk argues the case for buying a second-hand MPV, or people carrier, with the focus on the big Kia Sedona and a couple of rivals.

"Driving a Kia Sedona is like driving a minibus," says website editor Matthew Tumbridge. "It has slightly more in the way of soft furnishings than a minibus, but it is simply enormous."

"So why would you buy one, when there are any number of

MPVs that are more car-like to drive and more elegant to look at?" he asks.

"Well, put simply, it is cheap. Actually, that's not fair – it is great value."

It's a hefty chunk of cash less than its rivals, yet loaded with kit and incredibly spacious. Take a look at the Sedona against two other MPV picks, below, for a comparison."

Tumbridge goes on: "No wonder it has been such a big seller – which has the added benefit of meaning there are lots of used specimens on the market for buyers to choose from."



■ RAISING THE BAR... the Renault Espace.

■ **Kia Sedona:** "This people-friendly carrier gets impressive standard kit, is easy to live with, and takes seven in comfort," says Tumbridge, who warns: "It is proving



■ FAVOURITE... the Ford Galaxy.

popular on the used market, so be careful what you pay."

Most economical version is the 2.9CRDi, returning 36.2mpg overall, and best buy is any improved-from-2001 model, in at least SX specification.

UsedCarExpert.co.uk has 12 fault checks listed, and prices a 2006 2.9 CRDi with 18,500 average miles at a reasonable £11,375.

■ **Ford Galaxy:** "This is Britain's favourite people carrier – and quite right, too – with loads of space, flexibility, and comfort," asserts Tumbridge.

"It will get progressively cheaper, and the basic LX is fine, although most families will prefer the Zetec version."



■ IMPRESSIVE... the Kia Sedona is easy to live with.

Most economical model, with 43.5mpg on offer, and also best buy, is the 2.0 TDCi.

There are 16 pre-buy item checks listed on UsedCarExpert.co.uk, which prices a 2006 2.0 TDCi with 15,600 average miles at the £17,750 mark.

■ **Renault Espace:** "The Espace keeps raising the bar in the MPV market," states Matt Tumbridge,

"but, as a result, it is now a premium vehicle rather than the market-leading workhorse that started the MPV trend."

Most economical variant is the 40mpg 1.9Cdi, and best buy is the 3.5 V6.

UsedCarExpert.co.uk lists 12 buyer's checks, and prices a 2006 2.2 dCi with 22,000 average miles at around £16,200.

Five-door Mazda3 hatchback set to build on success of three-door

MAZDA unveiled the new five-door Mazda3 at the Bologna Motor Show this week.

The second-generation hatchback follows on from the 3 saloon, shown at the Los Angeles Motor Show, which is has just ended.

The five-door Mazda3 keeps the same design cues as found on the 3 saloon and is a continuation of the current Mazda design language first seen on the Mazda6, launched earlier this year.

The hatchback has been

designed with the environment in mind with weight kept as low as possible and class-leading aerodynamics helping the engines return the highest fuel economy ratings possible.

The catalysts used in the

petrol engined 3s will also be constructed using nano-technology, keeping the use of platinum to a minimum.

The engines available have been picked with a European market in mind as Mazda aims to continue the success of the current



■ THE MAZDA3... next-generation sporty hatch.



■ STYLISH... interior is looking superbly well crafted.



■ STRONG DESIGN... sure to appeal to those who like an edge.

Mazda3 range.

Those engines will include 1.6 and 2.0 litre petrol variants and 1.6 and 2.2-litre turbo diesels.

The 2.2 diesel comes from the Mazda6 and is intended to be the high performance variant, at least for now as

the current Mazda3 MPS is highly regarded and it would be a fair assessment to assume that the Japanese manufacturer will produce a second-generation version.

Further details will be released at launch this week.

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Your top ten tips for safe winter motoring

IF the prospect of being stranded on the road in the middle of winter doesn't appeal, now is the time to make sure your car is in top condition.

Making sure you have at least some de-icer spray in the car for a frosty morning is just the tip of the iceberg – nothing short of proper preparation will be enough to ensure the hard shoulder remains nothing more than a distant memory when battling against the elements this winter.

If your car is due for a service during the winter months, consider getting it done now instead. A few cold weeks will find out any weaknesses in your hoses, belts, battery and water pump, and the money you save from postponing the service will be

trivial compared to what you'll pay for new parts and labour.

It's essential you check your cooling system too and ensure it contains the correct proportion of coolant. Most cars need a 50/50 mixture of water and antifreeze to be safe throughout the winter. You can either get a garage to check this or use one of a range of simple, cheap devices from most car accessory shops.

If your system hasn't been flushed for a few years, you'd be well advised to get this done during a service, as antifreeze slowly loses its protective power over time. If you don't bother to get your cooling system in shape and the water freezes, you can probably kiss goodbye to your engine at some point over the next few months.

Out on the road your windscreen will get dirty quickly,

so your wipers need to be in tip-top condition. If they are starting to leave marks in your line of sight or make a harsh "scraping" noise, now's the time to replace the blades. Don't forget the rear blade if you have one, and while you're back there, make sure the rear window element works.

Don't be tempted to scrimp and over-dilute the car's screen wash either, as it will likely freeze. Not only will this mean you can't clean your screen properly, the expanding water could rupture the reservoir.

And never add engine antifreeze to your screen wash – it can cause severe damage to wipers, seals and paintwork.

Finally, good quality tyres really come into their own on slippery winter roads. Make sure your tyres are in good condition with no cracks, bulges or uneven wear

and have at least the legal minimum amount of tread on them.

Check your tyre pressure every week through the winter months, too – extreme temperatures make the rubber expand and contract much more than the mild summer months.

Your ten point winter checklist:

1. Cooling system – get the mixture right
2. Battery – you need lots of power
3. Hoses – look for cracks
4. Belts – replace worn belts
5. Tyres – enough tread?
6. Wipers – you need perfect vision
7. Rear window element – essential for your rear-view mirror
8. Screen wash – a good mix, and lots of it!
9. In car heater – you don't want to shiver as you drive
10. Lights – they need to be working!



Renault's refined new Mégane

WHEN a big cheese designer states that the look of one of his cars negatively affected its sales performance, you know you're dealing with someone not afraid to tell it how it is.

You might be surprised to learn that few in the business of designing cars choose to be so open. For the majority it's all about flashy curves, fussy details and touchy-feely interiors. But when you're in the business of selling a lot of cars, success matters, which is why it's important to get it right.

The designer in question is Patrick Le Quement, the man charged with steering Renault in the right direction. And the car? The second-generation Mégane – famous for having divided opinion. For some it was a breath of fresh air, while others recoiled from its unusual proportions. Car design might be a subjective activity, but for accountants it's a different and altogether more

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straightforward situation.

And this is why you're now looking at an altogether more streamlined Mégane hatch. From the front it's still a Renault, but now it's a more sophisticated and sleek Renault. The car's rear end is more like a fastback or coupe, what with its sloping roof and rakish tailgate.

An altogether more measured proposition then in light of the previous offering. And one that is hoped will draw favourable comparisons with cars costing significantly more. Whether it's details like the front air intakes, streamlined bonnet or rakish profile, restraint – in a stylish manner – has replaced radical.

There is, however, more to this Mégane than just its looks. In an effort to attract keen drivers, the car displays a more willing character than before. It might sit on the "old" platform, but much work has gone into improving the car's responses, ride quality and willingness to change direction.

The result is a pleasant surprise. While makers of overtly sporting hatchbacks won't lose any sleep, in the real world the Mégane is now a

much more capable and enjoyable car to drive. You don't have to set land speed records to enjoy it either, as even at day-to-day speeds the fluid nature of the suspension and the more direct steering both conspire to make life that bit more interesting.

Along with the polished chassis and steering, much of the credit for the Mégane's performance must go to the engines. It's a familiar selection and fans of the Clio and Laguna will recognise some of what's on offer.

The options are sensible ones, which is appropriate when economy and emissions have taken centre stage recently. A 1.6-litre petrol unit in 110bhp shares the bill with a 180bhp turbo 2.0-litre and 140bhp 2.0-litre for the CVT auto option, while the diesel choice runs to 86, 106 and 130bhp.

Powered by the most powerful diesel, the Mégane delivers effortless cruising and high levels of refinement. The engine's 130bhp allows you to exploit the car's improved chassis, with the result that cross-country motoring is fun again and the daily grind through

town requires little effort.

Inside the Mégane the ambience is noticeably skewed towards luxury. Soft touch plastics and tasteful fabrics add a welcome premium feel to the cabin. The dash-top location of the optional sat-nav screen is the icing on the ergonomic cake.

With its more sophisticated and less challenging styling plus an altogether more engaging driving experience, this third generation Mégane proves two things: Renault does listen and is capable of producing something with flair and talent for sensible money.

Basically

Well-equipped, competent and very easy on the eye, this practical five-door Mégane does much to restore Renault's standing in the fiercely competitive family hatch market.



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listen to traffic news and weather forecasts, and wear warm clothing.

Naturally, the need for seasonal preparation also extends to the various systems that run the car, so make sure that the anti-freeze in the car is fresh. Insufficient or 'old' anti-freeze can cause hose, water pump or other major units to fail leading to overheating. Anti-freeze should be changed every two years due to the deterioration of the corrosion inhibitors, or according to manufacturer recommendations.

Other things to do include:
make sure the battery is in good condition
on cold mornings use a de-icer on windows, or a scraper - NEVER hot water
check that the screen wash is not clogged and that the bottle is topped up for use, and

make sure that an additive is used to stop it freezing
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Once the car is ready for winter, you should make sure it is carrying emergency equipment so that, if the worst happens, you are ready too.

Useful supplies could include: torch, spare batteries and bulbs, screen scraper / de-icer, jump leads, warning triangle, first-aid kit, 'hands free' mobile phone / phone card / cash, blankets and warm jacket / robust shoes (in case of breakdown), shovel (to clear snow if necessary), fire extinguisher, rope (for towing if necessary), road atlas, maps etc.

Essentially, safety in the winter comes down to four things: 1 Check your car. 2. Be prepared for anything. 3. Be cautious. 4. Monitor your speed.

If you try to follow these rules you should find yourself on the road to safe winter driving. To make sure your car is ready for the road in the first place, book your car in for a service. Careful preparation by the motorist can only go so far.

To find a reliable garage, motorists should look to the RMIF.

A member will be able to advise you on the type of service you need, and will be able to point out potential problem areas before they arise, or become serious. In fact, whether you want to buy or sell a new or used car or motorcycle, service or repair your existing vehicle, find an auction house, or a cherished number plate dealer, the RMIF will be able to help you.

If you have a complaint against an RMIF member garage, the RMIF's National Conciliation Service should be able to help you get redress, if the problem cannot be solved in direct consultation with that member.

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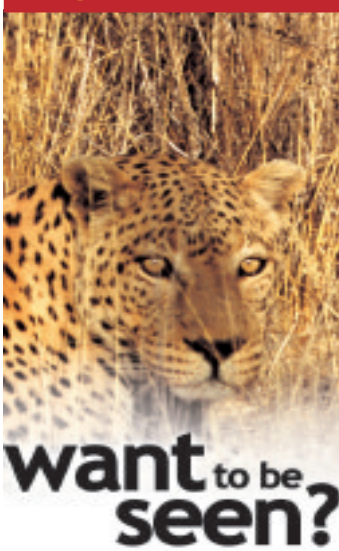
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HOCKEY ROUND-UP

Bond makes her mark on students

ELY started the game strongly, and confidence immediately grew. Both the forward and midfield players passed the ball well, with excellent performances from Dani Fletcher, Pamela Clarke and Chanre Bond, collectively applying pressure to the Cambridge University defence.

Ely were soon rewarded when top scorer Bond, after intercepting the ball from a 16-yard hit, superbly executed a strike at goal. A second goal soon followed, with Gemma Voutt beating the goalkeeper with a strike from a very tight angle. On occasion, the students hit Ely on the counter-attack and put their defence to the test, fashioning a number of goal-scoring opportunities and penalty corners. However, Ely stood resolute, and clearances from Fiona Bartley and some fantastic saves from goalkeeper and player-of-the-match Laura Tuck kept the university at bay.

Ely were soon in the ascendancy again, utilising the ball well with great link-up play through the defence and midfield.

They switched the ball rapidly and accurately across the pitch, making good use of both flanks to destroy the home side's shape and expose the universities inadequacies in midfield and defence.

Voutt, Dani Fletcher and Emily Kisby all exploited the space, created showing great skill with numerous penetrating runs down

Cambridge Univ III 1 Ely 7

CAMBS LADIES LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION CUP

the right and left wings, driving the ball deep into the university D. Ely's forwards became an unstoppable force, scoring a further three goals before half time through Fletcher, Voutt and Bond.

The second half saw a feisty and more competitive Cambridge University return to the pitch, desperate to gain a foothold in the match. The home side's pressure again placed the Ely defence under scrutiny. But Ely rode that and added two more goals on the break, both from Bond. Near the end, the university were awarded yet another penalty corner, which saw them gain a consolation goal and spoil an otherwise flawless Ely performance.

The win leaves Ely cementing their place at the top of the Cambridgeshire Premier Division Cup and looking forward to Saturday's cup game against Wisbech III with confidence.

Team: Laura Tuck (GK), Fiona Bartley, Hannah Sootney (captain), Holly Radcliffe, Cathy Gilmour, Pamela Clarke, Emily Kisby, Krista Hopkinson, Alison Chapman, Anne-Marie Lye, Chanre Bond, Gemma Voutt, Dani Fletcher and Jo Rayner (manager).

Player of the match: Laura Tuck.

Rutledge strike seals comeback as Ely stay top

Wisbech II 3 Ely 4

NET14 EAST LEAGUE, DIVISION 3NW

WISBECH started strongly, and broke through with an early goal in the first few minutes, putting Ely very much on the back foot.

Before the Ely team had managed to settle themselves, Wisbech seized the opportunity to score a second, leaving a somewhat dazed visiting side 2-0 down in the first quarter of an hour.

Ely re-grouped and pushed forward, sending the ball high up the pitch to Tommy Hugo. He held the ball before passing to Stuart Clarke coming in on the right flank.

With the Wisbech keeper assuming the ball was coming in for a cross, he charged out, leaving the goal empty and allowing Clarke to slot the ball in from an impossibly tight angle.

At the half-time break, skipper

Chris Vincett gathered his men for a stern team talk. He urged them to regroup and start afresh, hoping to repeat a comeback as the side had managed in the last two games.

However, the second half did not start well, Ely conceding a third goal from open play, making a comeback look even more unlikely.

With Grant Gilmour suffering from a pulled hamstring, and no substitutes to draw from, Ely were forced into changing their formation and effectively playing with 10 men.

With resilience true to form, Ely refused to let the points slip away, and found a new lease of life, with Vincett dropping into midfield, leaving the injured Gilmour up front.

Immediately, the breakthrough came with Feroze Abbas pulling the ball back from the Wisbech goalline into the path of Tom Rutledge, who fired the ball past

the keeper's head into the back of the net.

A few minutes later, Ely converted a short corner to bring the scores equal, with Clarke gaining a subtle deflection to guide the ball past the Wisbech goalie.

With the light fading, the fog gathering and the scores equal at 3-3, the final 10 minutes looked like it could go either way.

Ely continued the pressure and won a further short corner. The ball was slipped right and then back to the top of the D, towards an eager Rutledge. With the keeper out to the right of the posts, Rutledge spotted the opportunity and wasted no time in sending the ball clean between the posts to put Ely ahead for the first time in the game.

They held on to their advantage, to maintain their lead at the top of the table with one more game to play before Christmas, at home against Spalding on Saturday.

Chapman backs new scheme

JONATHAN Chapman is supporting a revolutionary new league points system which comes into force next season that is aimed at producing more exciting and closer meetings.

The Mildenhall co-promoter was fully behind the pioneering structure which discourages home-track advantage when it was discussed and agreed at the promoters' annual meeting.

Away teams winning by more than a seven-point margin are rewarded with four points, and even earn a point for a defeat by less than six points, a rule criticised by supporters.

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"It has been described as groundbreaking, and I totally agree with that," said Chapman (right).

"I believe it will be the most successful points system the sport has ever had.

"Last year, teams were encouraged to build a team to compete away from home and this rewards teams to keep meetings really close.

"The revised tactical ride ruling will also make for more exciting meetings as teams can still salvage a result when well behind and there's only a few races to go."



Eldridge proud despite defeat

Ely II 0 Newmarket II 17

GREENE KING LEAGUE

ELY kicked off and drove Newmarket back with some aggressive ball-carrying from the forwards.

But the visitors soaked up the pressure and responded with some good tackling and soon had the ball in hand. A period of sustained pressure resulted in a try.

This was followed by some aggressive play from both sides and, on at least two occasions, Ely were denied a score, just metres from the line.

RUGBY UNION

In the second half, Ely were again unlucky not to score, the closest chance following a fine run of some 70 yards by Joel Scott-Paul.

But Newmarket were too strong and scored another try after 30 minutes and finally a breakthrough try right at the death.

Ely captain Matt Eldridge said: "We need to learn how to adapt our game.

"Newmarket were playing old-fashioned rugby and

committed all of their forwards to the breakdowns, whereas we persisted with a pod system. This led to a lot of turnover ball and ultimately cost us the game.

"That being said, there was a lot of tough, dedicated play today from the lads and I want to thank all of them for their effort."

Squad: Alan Turpie, Jason Andrews, Matt Eldridge, Dave Ballard, Alex Hart, Sam Smith, Ricky Neal, James Denning, Lewis Jenkins, Dan Coulson, Karim Faisal, Magnus Woodroffe, Shez Mead, Joel Scott-Paul, Tim Mills, Mike Prytheach, Luke Cornwall and Stacy Mould.

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YOUTH FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Milton 0 Haddenham 3

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE, UNDER-100

HADDENHAM Rovers stretched their unbeaten run to 16 matches with another wonderful winning display.

In freezing, foggy conditions Haddenham dominated the opening period, with Matt Beary, Josh Lowe and Matt Wright forcing the home keeper into some excellent saves.

The visitors then took the lead on eight minutes, when Lowe exchanged passes with Beary and surged through to blast past the keeper.

Beary then rifled a shot just over the bar, before Wright's stinging shot was well saved, with the rebound falling to Lowe, who stabbed in from close range for his and Rovers' second goal.

Keiran Petty then hit a superb volley that looked destined for the top corner but the home keeper made a fantastic one-handed save.

Milton came into the game more in the second half, but Charlie Tunnell, Nick Threadgold and Joseph Alsop were all dominant in defence, while Will Darlington provided a safe pair of hands in goal.

Man-of-the-match Jake Alsop again controlled midfield and eventually put through Petty, who finished with aplomb with a left-foot shot from eight yards.

Haddenham: W Darlington, J Alsop, M Wright, K Petty, M Beary, N Threadgold, J Lowe, C Tunnell, J Alsop.

Mepal 2 Witchford 5

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE, UNDER-9E

WITCHFORD continued their fine run with a clinical win at Mepal.

The opening period was tight and it was Mepal who broke the deadlock after 10 minutes.

Witchford came back strongly

Lowe produces highs for Haddenham aces

and Jack Sheridan tormented the Mepal defence, setting up two chances which were both put away by Henry Green.

Witchford extended their advantage in the second quarter as Sheridan's pace took him past the Mepal defence before slotting a powerful shot low into the corner of the net.

Although Mepal pulled a goal back in the second half, Green completed his second hat-trick in as many games with a fine opportunist goal and Patrick Ryan scored his first of the season to make the final score 5-2.

Witchford: Henry Green, Jordan Emms, Patrick Ryan, Jack Sheridan, Toby Rowsell, Callum Norrie, Luke Carraturo.

Stretham Hotspurs 1 Ely Crusaders 6

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE, UNDER-100

A GRITTY performance saw Ely to victory away at Stretham Hotspurs.

With the home side starting strongly, it was slightly against the run of play when Alex Brown finished for Crusaders after their first real period of possession in the Stretham half.

With the confidence of a goal, Ely began to impose themselves

and another attack resulted in the ball falling to Brown, who smashed home his and Crusaders' second.

The rest of the half was a tight affair, with both teams failing to find much fluency on a chilly morning.

Despite starting the second period two adrift it was once again the home side who moved the ball to better effect.

However the Ely backline were in fine form and, with goalkeeper Evan Jeckells providing a safe pair of hands, it was Crusaders who eventually increased their lead when James Barrett side-footed home Sam Felton's cross.

Two goals in quick succession moved Ely clear as both Felton and Sam Scarborough finished calmly when through on the Hotspurs keeper.

Five became six as Alex Brown completed his hat-trick when his angled cross evaded several players and the goalkeeper to roll into the corner of the net.

Stretham managed a consolation, as Crusaders failed to clear a late corner.

Crusaders: J Barrett, A Brown, J Butler, S Felton, E Frodsham, T Funnell, L Hook, E Jeckells, G Leech, J Marston, S Scarborough, J Spittles.

Burwell Swallows 0 Witchford A 2

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE KO CUP, UNDER-11

WITCHFORD started well and took charge of their first-round cup match with a great goal by Ruairidh MacDonald.

Charlie O'Connor quickly followed up with another and Witchford had a number of chances during the first half but were unable to score again.

Witchford's goalkeeper, Nathan Parker, saved a couple of Burwell's shots early after the break as the score remained 2-0 until the end.

Witchford man of the match was Harry Braybrooke.

Witchford: Ruairidh MacDonald, Daniel Chapman, Harry Braybrooke, Matthew Loades, Euan Gilmour, Nathan Francis, Nathan Parker, Jack Loveday, Charlie O'Connor.

Sutton 0 Witchford 8

CAMBS MINI LEAGUE, UNDER-100

WITCHFORD started well and opened the scoring early on as Ben Lymer fired home after some neat passing.

They passed the ball well and increased their lead when the Sutton keeper could only parry a Callum Munden effort and Jack Curtis tapped the ball home.

Lymer then got the third, following some good play down the right, as he controlled in the centre and placed a neat effort into the far corner.

Curtis got his second, latching on to a through ball by Munden and finding the bottom corner with a crisp drive.

Lymer then made it 5-0 and completed his hat-trick as he latched on to a great cross from Sam Brewer and rifled a volley into the roof of the net.

Sutton posed more problems in the second half and stuck to their task, with their keeper doing especially well, but it was Witchford who added to the score sheet when Munden controlled well in the box and found the opposite corner of the net with a well-placed shot.

He then added his second, firing into the corner following a good run down the left.

The scoring was completed with an own goal as a Jack Curtis cross came off a defender and looped over the keeper.

Witchford: Alex Matcham, Joe-Joe Corlito, Sam Brewer, Kieron Reed, Jack Curtis, Ben Lymer, Adam Jay, Ryan Pettitt, Callum Munden.

Logan's fantastic treble

Ely Crusaders 6 Milton 3

CAMBRIDGE & DIST COLTS LEAGUE, UNDER-11C

IN cold and wet conditions, Ely managed to master the muddy pitch better than Milton.

Finley Logan ran midfield, linking up play with all around him and capping a fine performance with a hat-trick.

Goals by Max Russell, Chris Lewis and Max Wright saw Ely run out 6-3 winners.

Ely: Harry Selby, Finley Logan, Ben Haynes, Sam Quarrier, Archie Miller, Kyle Thurston, Max Russell, Max Wright, Edward Kratz, Alfie Green, Sam Lowe, Alex Ellwood, Rhys Peckham, Chris Lewis.

Ely Crusaders 2 Haddenham 3

CAMBRIDGE & DIST COLTS LEAGUE, UNDER-13B

HADDENHAM knew they would have to defend well against an Ely Crusaders side who were top of the league, and the backbone of Jake Bartolozzi, John Falconer, Felix Peck and Joe Snooks did just that.

But, despite having the upper hand in the first half, Rovers were unable to convert any of their chances at the other end and the score remained 0-0 at half time.

The match changed early in the second half when James Beary latched on to a through ball from Rowan Sheargold and calmly put the ball low to the right of the advancing keeper to give Haddenham the lead.

The advantage was then doubled when Alex Lowe played in Tyrell Barrett, who expertly rounded the keeper.

With 10 minutes to go, Crusaders came back strongly,

scoring two quick goals, and it looked as if they would go on to complete a comeback as they piled on the pressure.

But, with two minutes remaining, Rovers broke out of defence, getting the ball to Barrett, who was brought down in the area. Captain Lowe duly rammed the spot kick into the corner of the net to give Rovers a deserved win.

Haddenham: Richard Padmore, Jake Bartolozzi, John Falconer, Felix Peck, Joe Snooks, Keiran Drummond, Theo Hall, Alex Lowe, Matthew Morton, Rowan Sheargold, Tyrell Barrett, Michael Heath, Liam Roberts, James Beary.

Littleport 1 Bar Hill 0

CAMBRIDGE & DIST COLTS LEAGUE, UNDER-14C

PORT worked hard for a win in very wet conditions.

The only goal of the game came from some fine football by Port, a pinpoint cross from Tom Beresford finding Joe Murfitt in the box to head into the far corner.

The home team should have increased their lead, but some good goalkeeping kept it close.

The second half was again more of the same, with the hosts creating all the chances but not able to convert them.

Bar Hill almost got the equaliser and only a good save from Josh Brown kept Littleport in front. The hosts had to hang on at the end but were deserved winners.

Littleport: Josh Brown, Ben Jewitt, Jake Kennedy, Arron Heaps, Carl Lightfoot, Joe Murfitt, Charlie Bowditch, Luke Thompson, Ashley Pettit, Will Crisp, Tom Beresford, Ben Hawkins, Ryan Woods.

King's Lynn 1 Soham Tn Rgrs 1

RIDGEONS FLOODIT YOUTH LEAGUE

RANGERS returned from the Walks with a deserved point from a pulsating, high-standard game.

It was a game of contrasting tactics, with the free-scoring Linnetts facing the division's meaneast defence.

The home side started brightly, nearly scoring after just seven minutes when Drawbridge just failed to connect at the far post from a well worked corner.

Rangers played their way into the game and a neat move down the right involving Carmen and Sterna gave Riches the chance to shoot from 15 yards, but his effort was deflected inches past the post by a last-ditch tackle.

After the break Rangers started strongly and on 55 minutes Sterna's surging 30-yard run was ended with a trip and Alexander put Rangers ahead from the spot.

The Linnetts levelled when the otherwise excellent Chamberlain mistimed his challenge, upending Drawbridge to give the hosts a penalty, which they duly converted.

Lynn pressed forward in numbers and Davis had to clear off the line, before Chamberlain made a superb save from McCarthy's looping header.

Rangers: Chamberlain, Carmen, Burr, Lightfoot, Davis, Sterna, Fuller, Cook, Tuttle, Riches, Alexander (Cowlan). Unused subs: Allen, Kneeshaw, Wingfield, Norton.

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TWO SUCCESS STORIES FROM KING'S SCHOOL

Poole makes splash with golds



KING'S School, Ely pupils reigned supreme at the Norfolk Open Taekwondo Championships, returning with an impressive medal haul of two golds, two silver and one bronze. White belts Benjamin Shaw, Michael Poole, Laurence Gee and Alex Millard – who are all Year 3 pupils – and Lucy Poole, in Year 7, represented the junior school and were in excellent form. Michael Poole won gold in the sparring

competition and again in the power kick event, while Gee took a silver medal in the patterns competition and Millard bronze. Lucy Poole took on red belt opponents in the sparring and performed superbly, winning the silver medal. Pictured, from left: Alex Millard, Benjamin Shaw, Laurence Gee, Michael Poole and Lucy Poole, with coach Justin Gray. CP



Dugdale digs deep at trials

TALENTED sculler Laurence Dugdale shrugged off illness to finish second in the early-season Great Britain trials at Boston, Lincolnshire. The 16-year-old King's School, Ely, pupil, pictured, impressed the selectors with a superb

performance at the weekend to take runners-up spot in a field of 149 scullers, despite having been suffering from tonsillitis earlier in the week. Dugdale, who is captain of the boat club at King's, represented Britain in the summer at under-16 level in

a single scull and is now a prospect for the World Junior Championships in a crew boat. Earlier this month he helped the King's team win the team trophy in the Norfolk Long-Distance Sculls for the first time in 20 years. CP

ANGLING ROUND-UP

Rob and Kelvin keep it in Bag

ROB Anstee and Kelvin Hodges helped Westside Baggers preserve their lead at the top of the Winter League Teams of Four competition after the third round at Headfen Lakes.

In what Headfen manager Marcus Bailey described as the worst conditions in his three years as manager at the Little Downham venue, and the water temperature at 2.5 degrees, Anstee took the honours on Snake Lake.

He reeled in 12 carp to maggot and pinkie from the far side for 26lb 8oz, with Dawn Raiders' Scott Pringle taking 17lb and Garbolino's Nigel Fawkes 12-2.

Hodges was first on Trev's Lake with 71b 10oz, one carp and one chub to caster on pole, while Blue Boys' Bailey was second with 3-14. Garbolino's Pete Lambdin was third with 3-10.

Blue Boys were the winning team on the day with 10 points, one clear of Westside Baggers, with Dawn Raiders a further shot adrift in third. It leaves Westside Baggers top with nine points and one round to go.

Dawn Raiders are second with 11, and Blue Boys third with 12.

Results: Snake Lake – 1 Rob Anstee (Westside Baggers) 26lb 8oz, 2 Scott Pringle (Dawn Raiders) 17-0, 3 Nigel Fawkes (Garbolino) 12-2; Trev's Lake – 1 Kelvin Hodges (Westside Baggers) 7-10, 2 Marcus Bailey (Blue Boys) 3-14, 3 Pete Lambdin (Garbolino) 3-10; Teams – 1 Blue Boys 10 points, 2 Westside

Baggers 11, 3 Dawn Raiders 12, 4 Suffolk's Finest 13.

■ John Leedle was the lead fisherman in the matches at High Flyer Lake in Littleport.

In Sunday's open, using legered maggots from peg four, the hosts' angler took carp to 7lb for a total of 74lb.

High Flyer's Nigel Wright was second with 34lb 8oz and Southery's Ricky James third with 10lb.

High Flyer's John Buckingham was first in Saturday's match, with carp to 3lb for a haul of 33lb, using feeder and maggot.

March Angling's Fred Nixon was second with 11lb and High Flyer's Ken Gammon was third with 7lb.

Details: Saturday – 1 John Buckingham (High Flyer) 33lb, 2 Fred Nixon (March Angling) 11-0, 3 Ken Gammon (High Flyer) 7-0.

Sunday – 1 John Leedle (High Flyer) 74-0, 2 Nigel Wright (High Flyer) 34-8, 3 Ricky James (Southery) 10-0.

■ Malcolm Turpin was one of only two anglers to entice the fish in the Cambridge Fish Preservation Sunday Sweep.

In an event in aid of the Hinchbrookcare baby care unit, held at the Old West in Stretham, poles had to be discarded as they became frozen between the joints.

Turpin managed to catch seven small roach and perch for 11oz, with Kevin Saunders the only other angler to catch – a single roach.

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Keeper Nicks a place in the record books

TEENAGER Nick Pope set a record when he made his debut for Bury Town FC.

The goalkeeper, from Wicken near Ely, was just 16 years and 220 days old when he was called up for the Southern League Cup match at Leighton Town last week.

That made him the youngest player to appear in goal in the post-war history of Bury Town.

Pope, a former student of King's School, Ely, joined the West Suffolk College Sports Academy in September after being released from Ipswich Town's academy.

After some excellent displays in the Bury Town under-18s and for Team Bury in the Essex and Suffolk Border League, he was a named substitute in the Leighton Town match.

An injury to Marcus

Garnham forced Bury Town manager Richard Wilkins into a change with the half-time score at 1-1.

Bury went on to win 3-1 and Pope kept a clean sheet in the 45 minutes he was on the pitch.

"I had no problems sending Nick on at half time," said Wilkins. "He has earned his first-team call-up and showed a lot of maturity during the second half."

"I've always said that if our young players are good enough, then they will be given the opportunity regardless of their age."

■ **KEEP IT UP** . . . Nick Pope, who featured in the Southern League Cup at the age of 16. **CP**



Qualifier too good for Brett

BOWLS: Nicky Brett went out in the quarter-finals of the International Indoor Bowls Open in Burgess Hill following a tie-break defeat to Darren Burnett. The City of Ely bowler emulated his best result in a World Bowls Tour event by reaching the last eight.

But instead he was left disappointed at narrowly missing out on the chance of beating fellow qualifier Burnett on Saturday.

Brett took the first set 9-6 and was 6-3 up in the second, only for the Scotsman to bounce back strongly to win 8-7 to send the game into a tie-break.

Burnett won the first two ends to take the best-of-three decider and go through to the semi-finals.

Brett said: "Darren played a couple of big bowls in the tie-break, but I never really felt comfortable in the whole game."

Jones' brace is all in vain

Soham 3 Leighton 4

BRITISH GAS BUSINESS LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE MIDLANDS
PAUL Jones notched a double but could not stop Soham slipping to defeat.

Rangers were 3-0 down at half time before Jones launched the comeback on the hour from the penalty spot, following a handball in the area by a Leighton defender.

Alan Turner reduced the arrears further when he fired in from the left channel soon after.

Leighton added another before Jones grabbed his second five minutes from time after good work by Andy Furnell, but it was too late for the hosts to find an equaliser.

Manager Ian Benjamin said his side had failed to take on board information given to them about Leighton's centre-half, who scored a hat-trick.

He said: "I do a lot of work finding out about the opposition and I knew their big No 5 was a problem from set-

pieces, because he's already scored five goals this season.

"I told the players if they went up with him to give him a bit of a bang, and we never did that.

"I watched the lads in training on Thursday, and I wasn't happy with their attitude then and our warm-up was sloppy as well.

"You take things like that into the game and we got what we deserved, which was nothing."

Soham travel to Malvern in the league on Saturday.

Ely 1 Kirkley & Pakefield 2

RIDGEONS LEAGUE, PREMIER DIVISION
TOM Pell netted a consolation for Ely as they slipped to defeat at home to Kirkley & Pakefield.

Kirkley went ahead before the interval and doubled their lead in the second half with a breakaway goal.

Pell lashed home a free kick 15 minutes from time, but the Robins could not force an equaliser.

Manager Dennis Lightning said: "It

was an undeserved defeat and I think a point would have been a fair result, but at the moment it's going against us.

"We killed ourselves in the last 10 minutes when we were pushing for an equaliser because we kept giving away free kicks and took the sting out of the game."

Ely travel to King's Lynn reserves in the Premier Division on Saturday.



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